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Letter dated 28 April 2016 from the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to resolution 2283 (2016), by which the Security Council terminated the sanctions regime on Côte d'Ivoire, and the related sanctions committee, on 28 April 2016.

In this connection, I have the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire, containing an account of the Committee's activities from 1 January to 27 April 2016. The report, which was approved by the Committee, is being submitted in accordance with the note by the President of the Security Council of 29 March 1995 (S/1995/234).

I should be grateful if the present letter and the report were brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Elbio **Rosselli**
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resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

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Report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire

I. Introduction

1. The present report of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire covers the period from 1 January to 27 April 2016. By its resolution 2283 (2016), the Security Council terminated the sanctions measures, the Committee and the Group of Experts on 28 April 2016.

2. The Bureau of the Committee consisted of Elbio Rosselli (Uruguay) as Chair and the representatives of Angola and New Zealand as Vice-Chairs.

II. Background

3. By its resolution 1572 (2004), the Security Council imposed an arms embargo on Côte d'Ivoire and established a committee to oversee its implementation. Subsequently, in its resolutions 1584 (2005), 1632 (2005), 1643 (2005), 1708 (2006), 1727 (2006), 1761 (2007), 1782 (2007), 1842 (2008), 1893 (2009), 1946 (2010), 1975 (2011), 1980 (2011), 2045 (2012), 2101 (2013), 2153 (2014) and 2219 (2015), the Council, among other things, requested the Secretary-General to create a group of experts, outlined exemptions to the embargo and further elaborated the scope of the measures.

4. By its resolution 2219 (2015), the Security Council extended the arms embargo for 12 months. It decided that supplies of non-lethal equipment and the provision of technical assistance to Côte d'Ivoire no longer required notification to the Committee. It also decided that the arms embargo no longer applied to supplies of arms and lethal materiel intended solely for the support of or use in the Ivorian security sector reform process, as notified in advance to the Committee, except for those arms and related lethal materiel set out in the annex to the resolution, which required the advance approval of the Committee.

5. Further background information on the Côte d'Ivoire sanctions regime can be found in the previous annual reports of the Committee.

III. Summary of the activities of the Committee

6. The Committee met once in informal consultations, on 11 March, in addition to conducting its work through written procedures.

7. At the informal consultations held on 11 March, the Committee heard a presentation by the Group of Experts on its final report, submitted in accordance with paragraph 27 of resolution 2219 (2015), and discussed the recommendations contained therein.

8. On 12 April, the Chair of the Committee briefed the Security Council on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire (see S/PV.7669).

9. The Committee received two reports from Côte d'Ivoire on the progress achieved in relation to the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration process and security sector reform, pursuant to paragraph 8 of resolution 2219 (2015).

10. The Committee received from the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire four embargo monitoring reports, four media monitoring reports and four human rights reports.

11. The Committee sent 15 communications to six Member States and entities.

IV. Exemptions

12. Exemptions to the arms embargo are contained in paragraphs 2 to 5 of resolution 2219 (2015).

13. Exemptions to the travel ban and asset freeze are contained in paragraphs 9 and 11 of resolution 1572 (2004).

14. The Committee received four notifications and four exemption requests with regard to the arms embargo, which were approved, pursuant to paragraph 4 of resolution 2219 (2015).

V. Sanctions list

15. The criteria for the designation of individuals and entities as subject to the travel ban and asset freeze are set out in paragraph 10 of resolution 1980 (2011). The procedures for requesting listing and delisting are described in the Committee's guidelines for the conduct of its work.

16. As at the end of the reporting period, there were six individuals on the sanctions list of the Committee.

VI. Group of Experts

17. On 22 February, in accordance with paragraph 27 of resolution 2219 (2015), the Group of Experts provided its final report to the Committee, which was transmitted to the Security Council on 17 March and issued as a document of the Council (S/2016/254).

18. The Group conducted visits to Belgium, France and the Netherlands. Members also undertook regular visits throughout Côte d'Ivoire.

19. In pursuance of its mandate, the Group, through the Secretariat, sent 45 letters to Member States, the Security Council, the Committee and international and national entities.

VII. Secretariat administrative and substantive support

20. The Security Council Affairs Division provided substantive and procedural support to the Chair and members of the Committee. Advisory support was also

provided to Member States to promote understanding of the sanctions regime and facilitate the implementation of the sanctions measures.

21. The Division maintained the relevant INTERPOL-United Nations Security Council Special Notices to promote the effective implementation of the sanctions measures.

22. As part of the Division's effort to recruit well-qualified experts to serve on sanctions monitoring groups, teams and panels, a note verbale was sent to all Member States to notify them of upcoming vacancies on specific sanctions panels, providing information on recruitment timelines, areas of expertise and pertinent requirements.

23. The Division continued to provide substantive advice and support to the Group of Experts, assisting in the preparation of the Group's final report in February.